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Honorable Edgar W. Hiestand  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hiestand:

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[redacted] has written to you previously in connection with a letter you received from a constituent regarding Khrushchev's remarks in Los Angeles. Inasmuch as you may have received other inquiries concerning the subject in addition to that letter, I am taking the liberty of writing you further about this matter.

Khrushchev's comments about intelligence activities and the Central Intelligence Agency, in our mind, represent part of a deliberate campaign to discredit U. S. intelligence and thus leave a clearer field for Communist subversion. If there is a thaw in the Cold War, Khrushchev obviously would like to deprive the United States of one of its principal weapons for combating Communism. You have noted, of course, that in all of his talk about desiring peace, Khrushchev has stated that Moscow has not renounced and will not change its objective that all of the nations of the free world should and shall become Communist.

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In general, we would say that for the United States to react to Khrushchev's remarks as certain quarters have suggested would be to play into the hands of the Soviets.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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- MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

Except for the first paragraph, the attached letter to Congressman Hiestand is identical to those sent to Senator Lyndon Johnson and others on the subject of Khrushchev's comments on code books. Hiestand is one of the group of California Congressmen who have been reported as favoring a Congressional inquiry into Khrushchev's statements. (He is also reported as saying that this is another reason for him to push his joint committee bill.) Hiestand's office here wrote to us concerning an inquiry from a constituent on the same subject. [redacted] wrote Hiestand at that time declining further comment. I believe it is

advisable to bring Hiestand up to date now by sending the attached letter.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

16 November 1959  
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Honorable Stuart Symington  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

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[Redacted Signature]

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OF THE LETTER TO MR SYMINGTON QUOTE "AS FAAR AS THE GENERAL  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE CONCERNED, THEY  
ARE PROTECTED BETWEEN SENDER AND RECIPIENT BY A VARIETY OF MEANS,  
NONE OF WHICH WERE MADE SUSPECT BY KHRUSHCHEV'S REMARKS.

WE ARE CONSTANTLY CALCULATING THE PROTECTION GIVEN TO SUCH COMMUNICATIONS  
BY THE INHERENT SECURITY OF THE DEVICES USED AND ARE CONSTANTLY ALERT  
TO INTERPRET AND EXPLOIT ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ALTER OUR CAL-  
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NOT GIVE US ANY NEW INFORMATION OF THIS SORT." UNQUOTE

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**NSA's Suggested Changes in last Paragraph as Relayed on 4 November**

Substitute the following for the next to last sentence:

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**Draft as Revised at Intelligence Board Meeting, 3 November**

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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United States Senate  
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Allen W. Dulles

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## Remarks:

We have received several inquiries similar to Senator Symington's from Congress. The DCI is considering raising this at USIB tomorrow. I would appreciate any comments you have at your earliest convenience.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Inspector General

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